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December 10, 2021

Kai Thompson  
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: November 2021 Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of November 2021.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and organization of the first workshop; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies conducted the third meeting of the committee on November 11, 2021. The virtual session allowed for preliminary discussions of the committee's consensus report, subcommittee discussions of the literature review, and planning the first public workshop on December 9, 2021, with the support of project staff. In further preparation for this data-gathering session of the committee, National Academies convened web-based planning meetings of the workshop co-chairs and a subgroup of the full committee. Having provided EPA with a draft agenda and proposed list of experts, the Academies participated in web-based meetings with EPA so that EPA could provide comments regarding qualifications and COI/impartiality of the invited participants. The National Academies staff also organized preparatory sessions with non-federal and federal subject matter expert participants and the committee to organize discussion of a range of research and views, and provided logistical support. Staff also established and updated a website for the purposes of public registration and dissemination of meeting materials including the workshop agenda, pre-recorded materials, participant and committee biographical information, and staff contact information. In addition, arrangements were made for a rapporteur to develop a proceedings-in-brief for the workshop.

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate finalizing all logistical preparations for the workshop, including gathering background materials from participants, convening additional planning meetings with participants, and updating the workshop website with additional materials, as needed, for public dissemination. The December 9, 2021 workshop will be conducted in line with National Academies procedures for data-gathering committee meetings and will be webcast and recorded. A closed session committee meeting will be convened on December 13, 2021 to share

reflections on the data-gathering session, and discuss organization of the consensus report and the conduct of the literature review. Other anticipated effort will include soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for November 2021:

Labor Cost  
ODCs  
Overhead  
G&A  
Total Nov 2021

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\$	\$ 36,234.39

The total expenditures since inception are \$ 177,540.47. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn Z. Guyton*

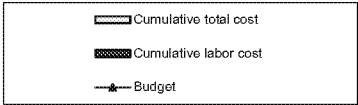
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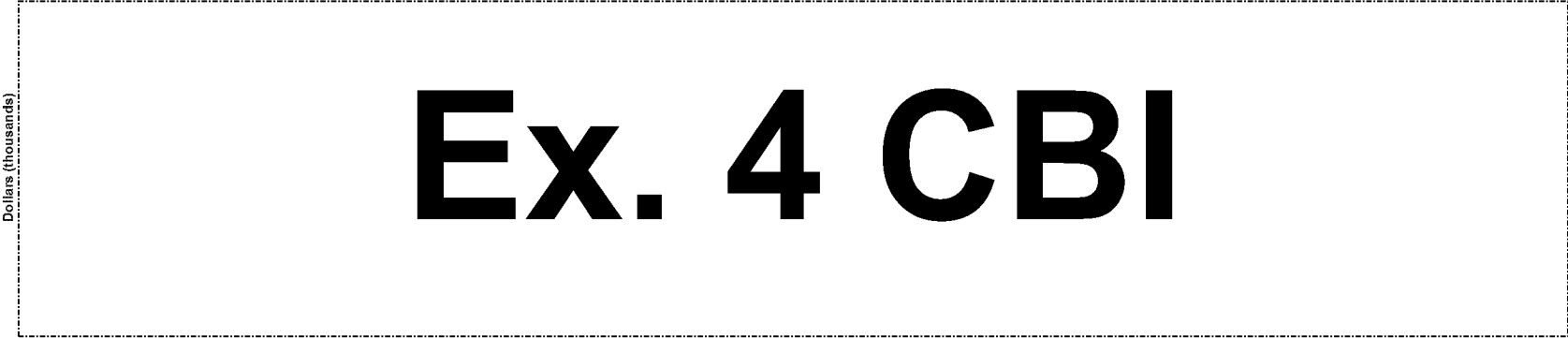
EPA Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests  
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Progress Report, November 1, 2021 thru November 30, 2021  
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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990.26



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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost



Monthly

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Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)

Dollars spent

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⌘ Funds Spent this Period ⌘ Total funds spent to date

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Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

■ Hours worked this month  
□ Hours worked to date

